



Substitute House Bill No. 5440

Special Act No. 18-17

***AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESS REGISTRATION, LICENSING
AND PERMITTING THROUGH THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC
BUSINESS PORTAL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The information and telecommunications systems executive steering committee, established in subsection (b) of section 4d-12 of the general statutes, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, shall study the expansion of the state's electronic business portal, established pursuant to section 3-99d of the general statutes, to serve as a centralized and streamlined business registration, license and permit filing system. The goals of such system shall include, but not be limited to, shortening agency processing time and improving communication among state agencies and between state agencies and businesses. Such system shall: (1) Allow a business to create a single online account connected to multiple state agencies; (2) allow a business to register with and apply for and renew licenses and permits from such agencies through such system; (3) allow a business to pay any registration, license or permit fees through such system; and (4) include a messaging component that allows such agencies to provide notifications to a business about the status of any business registrations, licenses, permits and applications.

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Such system shall allow agencies to maintain their own back-end databases for managing business registrations, licenses and permits.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the information and telecommunications systems executive steering committee shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and government administration. Such report shall include the feasibility of designing and implementing a system as described in subsection (a) of this section, the state agencies that could or should be involved in such system, an estimated cost for the design, implementation and maintenance of such system and a proposed process and timeline for the design and the implementation of such system.

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